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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Masanobu Okada

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PROCESSING APPARATUS

Examiner: K. C. Koyama

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.104(E)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicant has received the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance with the April 21, 2006 Notices of Allowance regarding the above-identified application.

Applicant agrees in part with the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, contained in the Notice of Allowance mailed April 21, 2006, in that the prior art of record fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed invention. However, Applicant notes that the Examiner's statement fails to address all limitations of all of the allowed claims. For example, certain claim limitations were not discussed in the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, including those in most of the allowed claims, each of which defines a unique combination of features not shown or suggested by the prior art, providing additional reasons for allowance of each claim.

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that the scope of the claimed invention should not be limited by the Examiner's statement, but rather the scope of the claimed invention should be based on the actual language of the allowed claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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